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## Navajo Scholarship Office hosts 2010 Chief Manuelito Scholars Awards Ceremony Gallup City Council Declares July 30, "Chief Manuelito Scholars Day"

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Fort Defiance Agency of the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance will host the 2010 Chief Manuelito Scholars Awards Ceremony from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, July 30, 2010.

The Gallup City Council declared July 30, "Chief Manuelito Scholars Day." Mayor Harry Mendoza will present the proclamation at the banquet. Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., will present the welcome address and Dr. David Manuelito, a former Chief Manuelito recipient, will be the guest speaker. Entertainment will be provided by Radmilla Cody.

The Navajo Nation established the Chief Manuelito Scholarship fund in 1980 to provide scholarships to recognize and award high achieving Navajo high school students as Chief Manuelito Scholars. In 2001, the Navajo Nation Council's Education Committee approved amendments to add a requirement that students take Navajo government and language classes to be eligible for the Chief Manuelito Scholarship.

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